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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 454, L.D. 617, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part TTT the following:

PART UUU

Sec. UUU-1. 22 MRSA §§258 and 259 are enacted to read:

§258. Office of Eating Disorders

There is established within the Bureau of Health, the Office of Eating Disorders, referred to in this section as the "office." The office is responsible for researching, planning, facilitating, coordinating and developing information and resources on eating disorders statewide.

1. Duties. The office shall conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to identify unmet prevention needs and shall oversee the assessment of training programs conducted under subsection 2. The office shall compile and disseminate to the public information on eating disorders and coordinate the advertisement and promotion of programs aimed at the prevention and treatment of eating disorders.

2 2. Collaboration. With regard to information and resources
3 for training and education on eating disorders, the office shall
4 work with the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
5 Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Education to:

6 A. Conduct a comprehensive assessment of training available
7 to health professionals and the public in this State;

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9 B. Create a data base of literature on prevention, early
10 detection and treatment;

11 C. Develop training strategies and opportunities for
12 community-based support group facilitators;

13 D. Offer technical assistance to community-based support
14 groups;

15 E. Explore methods of augmenting curricula in health
16 profession programs in postsecondary educational
17 institutions in this State;

18 F. Organize a statewide clinical training conference;

19 G. Identify agencies and programs that serve at-risk youth
20 and adults for the purposes of training on prevention, early
21 detection and referral strategies; and

22 H. Study the funding and creation of treatment options to
23 provide for unmet prevention needs.

24 **§259. Eating Disorders Advisory Board**

25 There is established the Eating Disorders Advisory Board,
26 referred to in this section as the "board," to advise the
27 department on the work of the Office of Eating Disorders.

28 1. Membership. The board consists of:

29 A. One representative of the department, one representative
30 of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
31 Substance Abuse Services and one representative of the
32 Department of Education, each of whom is appointed by the
33 commissioner of that person's department and all of whom
34 serve ex officio and without the authority to vote; and

35 B. The following persons appointed by the commissioner:

36 (1) Two members of the general public. Of the initial
37 appointees, one must be appointed for a 3-year term and

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one for a 2-year term. All subsequent terms are 3-year terms;

(2) Two advocates for persons with eating disorders. Of the initial appointees one must be appointed for a 2-year term and one for a one-year term. All subsequent terms are 3-year terms;

(3) A mental health provider, appointed for a 3-year term;

(4) A physical health provider. The initial appointee serves a one-year term. All subsequent terms are 3-year terms;

(5) A health educator. The initial appointee serves a 2-year term. All subsequent terms are 3-year terms; and

(6) Two family members of persons with eating disorders. Of the initial appointees, one serves a 3-year term and one serves a one-year term. All subsequent terms are 3-year terms.

2. Volunteer service. All board members serve on a voluntary basis without reimbursement for expenses.

3. Chair; meetings. The board shall elect a chair from among its members. The board shall meet 10 times per year.

Sec. UUU-2. Report. The Office of Eating Disorders within the Department of Human Services shall prepare and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by February 1, 2000, including recommendations for laws to regulate entities engaged in the business of selling products or services promoting weight loss, including weight loss products such as diuretics and laxatives and programs that have as a goal weight loss or maintenance of weight loss.

Sec. UUU-3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Office of Eating Disorders		
Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$31,893	\$44,177

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All Other 12,750 9,250

Provides funding for a
Director of the Office of
Eating Disorders and related
operating expenses.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TOTAL**

\$44,643 \$53,427'


Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment will increase the General Fund cost of the
bill by \$44,643 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$53,427 in fiscal year
2000-01.

SUMMARY

This amendment contains provisions to implement the
recommendations of the Commission on Eating Disorders. It
includes establishing an Office of Eating Disorders in the
Department of Human Services, establishing an Eating Disorders
Advisory Board and requiring a report from the Office of Eating
Disorders by February 1, 2000 to the Joint Standing Committee on
Health and Human Services on laws to regulate businesses that
sell products or services promoting weight loss. This bill
contains an appropriation for one position within the Office of
Eating Disorders of \$44,643 and \$53,427 for fiscal years 1999-00
and 2000-01 for the Department of Human Services.

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